

**JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STEERING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2003
8:00 A.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Present were Chair Wayne Arnold, Jason Curtis, Councilmember Starkey, Neal Kalis and Lynn Goldman. Also present were Economic Development Manager Margaret Wu and Committee Secretary Jason Curtis recording the meeting. Vice-Chair Chuck Bonfiglio, Councilmember Truex, Catherine McKenzie and Casey Lee were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 3, 2003

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Goldman, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2003. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Bonfiglio, Councilmember Truex, Ms. McKenzie and Ms. Lee being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Economic Impacts of Floodplain Encroachment

Chair Arnold advised that the Central Broward Water Control District would be having its second workshop on February 12th. He indicated that Ms. Wu and Mr. Kalis were present when he made the original presentation at the Economic Development Committee meeting. Chair Arnold expressed previous reservations on the floodplain encroachment and the unfair requirements that were placed on land owners for the usage of their land and the amount of water retention. He explained that the Central Broward Water Control District had modeled its criteria after the South Florida Water Management District which created problems. This was cited as the reason for the workshops. Chair Arnold added that the decision to model the South Florida Water Management District was made after the consortium study relating to problems with drainage, specifically in Davie. A lengthy discussion followed with Chair Arnold expressing the opinion that the issue would be resolved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Agrarian Committee – Jason Curtis

Mr. Curtis advised that the Agrarian Committee was waiting for a ruling from the Fourth District Court of Appeal regarding the lawsuit Markham vs. Pompano Park. He reported that the Third District Court of Appeal, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties had made a ruling stating that the boarding of horses was agricultural. Mr. Curtis explained the process involved if both courts rulings did not agree.

Mr. Curtis reported that the countywide Purchase of Development Rights program was still in progress, all the appraisals had been completed and the next Purchase of Development Rights program meeting would be held on March 15th. He commented that Arthur and Sue Hurley of Bar-B-Ranch and the Hoovers had property that they were hoping that the county would purchase. Mr. Kalis asked if the income from the sale of the development rights was the beneficial effect to landowner. Mr. Curtis explained that the benefits were more than financial. A lengthy conversation ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the Purchase of Development Rights.

Mr. Curtis advised that the Broward County Farm Bureau recently attended the United States Farm Bureau Federation national meeting in Tampa. He spoke about the \$8.4 million

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budget cut that would affect the 4-H Club of which he was a director. Mr. Curtis informed the Committee of an auction that would be held in 2004 to benefit the 4-H Club.

4.2 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) – Neal Kalis

Mr. Kalis reported that Chair Arnold had resigned as chair of the CRA to enable him to run for Town Council and Amy Rose had been appointed to replace him. He commended Chair Arnold on his performance and wished him luck in the upcoming election. Mr. Kalis advised that the CRA had approved a \$10,000 donation as participation in the Orange Blossom Festival. He added that Special Projects Director Bonnie Stafiej was working in conjunction with the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce to return the festival to its community affair status of the past rather than the structured event it had become.

Mr. Kalis referred to the parking lot being created by the CRA on 63rd Avenue and advised that staff was working on acquiring an easement to the adjacent property to provide access to the parking lot from Davie Road. He added that Council had ratified the CRA's recommendation to hire PMG & Associates for marketing services. The total cost for the contract was approximately \$62,300, and contract and recommendations were expected between June and July.

Mr. Kalis advised that Redevelopment Administrator Will Allen had received his annual performance evaluation with high marks and accolades from everyone. He commented that Mr. Allen was also offered a written contract. Regarding the exemption from the tax increment payment requested by Children's Services Council, Mr. Kalis advised that the CRA attorney was working on criteria for the exemption and a presentation would be made to Council for consideration.

Mr. Kalis spoke about the \$400,000 infrastructure improvements planned for Davie's eastside for this fiscal year. He explained that the improvements included drainage, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping which were being shared by the CRA and the Community Development Block Grant program. Mr. Kalis added that the CRA had also funded some drainage improvements at SW 62nd Avenue and SW 44th Street.

4.3 Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce – Chuck Bonfiglio

Councilmember Starkey explained that the new Board of Directors had been installed and were sworn in by herself and Councilmember Truex. She added that John Santulli, Nova Southeastern University, was now the president.

4.4 Davie Economic Development Council (EDC) – Catherine McKenzie

As there was no representative present, no report was made.

4.5 Davie Merchants and Industrial Association (DMIA) – Wayne Arnold

Chair Arnold advised that the attendance at the DMIA dinner was outstanding. He added that Circuit Court Judge John Bowman presided over the installation of officers.

4.6 Planning and Zoning Board – Casey Lee

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As there was no representative present, no report was made.

4.7 South Florida Education Center (SFEC) – Lynn Goldman

Ms. Goldman reported that the new shuttle from Weston, south of S.R. 84, now provided service through the South Florida Education Center at 20 minute intervals, and there was also a shuttle that provided service to the Nova Southeastern University Library. Ms. Goldman advised that McFatter High School was rated number four in the State of Florida and the Admiral Boys and Girls Club would be locating on the McFatter campus.

4.8 Town Council – Councilmember Starkey and Councilmember Truex

Councilmember Starkey reported that she had attended a meeting with Bellsouth and Nova Southeastern University along with all the members within the Regional Activity Center. She advised that Nova Southeastern University and Bellsouth had become partners in bringing in advanced technology to be used in networking in the Davie area. Councilmember Starkey explained that the service being provided to all the Nova Southeastern University campuses, the University Research Library and South Florida Education Center would produce tremendous economic growth for the area. She spoke of another attraction for the complex; however nothing had been finalized.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Committee Member